Dear Mums, Dads, Carers, staff, governors, friends & colleagues

What a wonderful end to a glorious term of learning.
We wish you all a wonderful Easter with your children and families.

Mrs Maharasingam
Head Teacher

Be in school on time PLEASE!
THANK YOU TO THOSE PARENTS WHO MAKE SURE THEIR CHILDREN ARRIVE PROMPTLY
Just a reminder for parents that school starts at 8.55 am every day! Children can come into school from 8.45 am but all children need to be in their classes by 8.55 am for the register and to begin their learning. Children arriving on time to school settle better and are more focused so please help us with this.

MOBILE PHONES
Please remember that parents/carers are requested to NOT use their mobile phones when they drop or collect their children from school.

CORE VALUES
Please remember to ‘live and breathe’ your Core Values
Respect each other
Always exceed your best
Take responsibility
Help and Care about each other
Everyone matters
Talk with your parents/carers about each of our values.

Staffing News
We are sorry to lose Mr Stringer who will be taking up a new post. We wish him the very best in his new post.
We welcome:
Ms Lori Baker (Year 5 Angelou Class)
Mr Gormley (Y5 Blackman Class)
Fairtrade
As part of our Fairtrade learning this half term, Year 4 had the pleasure of Ms Campbell, a small business owner, come in and listen to our Dragons’s Den Persuasive sales pitches. She had many questions for both Rosen and JKR class and was very impressed by how persuasive our sales pitches were.

As part of Fairtrade week, Year 4 had a Javari’s Grandmother, Kitamura Class, come in and talk about the ingredients she uses in her very healthy cakes. Year 4 found this extremely helpful and look forward to using some of her tips for baking our own Fair trade ingredient cakes.

RATHFERN IS HOSTING
Rathfern is a Centre Of Excellence for the Global Learning programme. Rathfern is working with another six schools to develop Global Learning
Kilmorie Primary School
Horniman Primary School
Linton Mead
Hawkesmoor
St.Bartholomews Primary School
Perrymount Primary School

YEAR 6
EASTER BOOSTER SCHOOL
All year 6 pupils are invited to attend extra classes in week 2 of the Easter holidays. We will be offering extra support to all year 6 pupils to help them achieve their very best in the forthcoming tests. The lessons will be held from 9.30am – 12.30pm, we hope you will support us by encouraging your child to attend. The lessons are designed to be fun and interactive they will be held on the following days:
- Wednesday 11th April - 9.30 – 12.30
- Thursday 12th April - 9.30 – 12.30
- Friday 13th April - 9.30 – 12.30

SATS week 14th – 18th May.
Community Cohesion Workshop

Community Ambassadors attended a workshop to identify local problems and what solutions could be put in place to make a positive change and create equal and just communities.

FREE CYCLING COURSE

Lewisham Council will be providing free child cycling courses at Downham Leisure Centre during the Easter Holiday for children age 7+.

- Week 1 will be Bikeability Level 2.
- Week 2 will be for non-riders/wobblers and Level 1

Full details and online booking available at https://www.cycleconfident.com/sponsors/london-borough-of-lewisham/#events

SPORTS NEWS

Well done to the year 5&6 football teams for getting into the Champions cup in the schools league after qualifying from their respective groups. Both teams still have a chance to become league winners.

Times and dates will be confirmed by Errison after the Easter holidays.

Thank you again to all the pupils, parents and carers for attending the Sunday C4L football sessions at The Bridge leisure center. We will be hosting more sessions and friendly matches against Adamsrill after half-term. Please see Mr Errison if you are interested in your child taking part in these free sessions for Boys Years 1-6 and Girls Years 3-5.

We are pleased to announce we will be running free Y3-4 lunchtime clubs - Kwik cricket, Hockey and Tennis sessions. Also I would like to give a warm welcome to our new coaches John Palmer from Lewisham District Cricket, Michael Stevens from South East London Tennis and Sam Djhvit who regularly coach the Year 6. (All have been DBS checked) We hope to get more pupils enjoying and participating in different sports.

SCHOOL LUNCHES PRICES

The price of school meals will be increasing by 10p to £2.20 per day from 1st May 2018.

Please encourage your child to give feedback about their school meals. There is a comments folder kept in the dining hall. We need the children’s feedback to ensure the school meals are delicious and popular.
Dear Headteacher,

Schools Membership of Music Mark – a National organisation and Subject Association for Music Education.

Congratulations on becoming a 2017/18 Music Mark School Member!

We would firstly like to thank you for all the hard work you and your colleagues do to ensure that pupils at your school are able to access and engage with a high-quality music education. Your dedication to offering and delivering a broad and balanced curriculum is both welcomed and celebrated.

You have been nominated, and supported financially by your local Music Service/hub. They have recognised the value that you place on music and requested that you become a Music Mark School Member.

I am therefore delighted to award you this membership certificate, which I hope you will feel able to share with your whole school community.

You will also find enclosed a leaflet outlining your membership benefits, which includes access to the Music Mark Schools member logo, which you can download here: www.musicmark.org.uk/school-membership-logo and use wherever you wish on publicity etc.

Another key benefit of membership is use of our growing online MarketPlace which is full of resources and ideas to support the delivery of Music.

Music Mark works to enable our members, and the wider music education sector, to deliver high-quality musical and social outcomes for all children and young people. My thanks for all that you are doing and will continue to do to support our collective vision.

Yours Sincerely

Bridget Whyte
Chief Executive.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Outstanding achievement is linked with outstanding attendance.

Attendance Statistics for Spring Term - 03 Jan - 29 Mar 2018 – 95.2%

This term we have had a high percentage of illnesses and this reflects on the overall attendance for the term being lower than usual at 95.2%. We have seen an improvement the last couple of weeks, so hopefully this will continue.

PARENT DROP IN

Don’t forget

Thank you, to those of you who have come and aired your concerns and thanks with me.
Mondays 9.30-10 a.m
Please come and discuss any concerns or good news you may have with me
No appointment necessary just drop in and have a chat.
Thank you to those parents who have come and discussed their concerns with me I have found this communication extremely helpful.

SUMMER SCHEME

Rathfern are offering a Summer Scheme in the holidays for children who attend our school from the 23rd July to the 3rd August, weekdays only.
This will be on a first come, first serve basis from 8.00am to 6.00pm and will cost £30.00 per day.
Breakfast and an afternoon snack will be provided for children attending a full day.
Further information can be obtained from the office.
DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – 2018

MARCH  School closes on Thursday 29th March

Easter Holidays  - Friday 30th March – Friday 13th April

APRIL

Monday 16th  Back to school
ParentPay opens to sign up for enrichment clubs

Tuesday 17th  Reception – Height, Weight and Vision checks.

Thursday 19th  Adrian Garret – Introduction to Classical Music – Violin.

Monday 23rd  Enrichment clubs re-start

Thursday 26th  Riordan class Assembly

MAY

Monday 7th May  Bank Holiday – School Closed

Wednesday 9th  Year 1 to Crystal Palace

Monday 14th – Thursday 17th  Year 6 SATS

Monday 21st - 25th  School Journey

Friday 25th May  INSET DAY

HALF TERM – Mon 28th - 1st June

JUNE

Monday 4th - 8th June  School Journey

Tuesday 12th  Brazillian Drummers at Tower of London

Saturday 30th  Summer Fayre

JULY

Friday 13th  Sports Day

NURSERY TIMINGS

We would like to make parents aware that in order to safeguard our children, parents are requested not to enter the school until 11.45 for collection and 12.45 drop off.

It is our moral and statutory responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of all our children.

READING RECORDS

Please remind your child to bring in their reading record – well done to those children who are reading so regularly.

THANKYOU if you are ensuring your child is reading every night. Just 10 minutes listening to a child or reading to a child can make a huge difference.
Rathfern took part in Earth Hour 2018 this year by making their promises to take action to protect our beautiful planet.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtfully committed citizens can change the

Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has”
Gaylord Nelson
TERM DATES : 2018/19

AUTUMN TERM 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018  INSET DAY
Tuesday 4th September 2018 INSET DAY
Wednesday 5th September 2018 Children return to school
Friday 19th October 2018  Last day of term

Monday 22nd October – Friday 26th October 2018 - HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 29th October 2018  Children return to school
Friday 21st December 2018  Last day of term

SPRING TERM 2019

Monday 7th January 2019  INSET DAY
Wednesday 9th January 2019 Children return to school
Friday 15th February 2019  Last Day of term

Monday 18th February – Friday 22nd February 2019- HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 25th February 2019  Children return to school
Friday 5th April 2019  Last day of term

Monday 8th April – Monday 22nd April 2019 – EASTER HOLIDAYS

SUMMER TERM 2019

Tuesday 23rd April 2019  Children return to school
Monday 6th May 2019  MAY BANK HOLIDAY
Friday 24th May 2019  Last day of term

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019 – HALF TERM HOLIDAY

Monday 3rd June 2019  Children return to school
Friday 19th July  Last day of term
Monday 22nd July 2019 INSET DAY
Tuesday 23rd July 2019 INSET DAY
OUTSTANDING LEARNERS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Qadriyah Awolu & Ethan Dzansi Megbetor
- **Potter** (Reception) – Younous Soumahoro & Michael Oruma
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Azra Ermis & Kayhan Kumander
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Shanuki Appuhamy & İman Yong
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Khaleed Owolabi & Khadijat Olabiyi
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Naythan Burbeck & Javari James-Richards
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Sebi Olaru & Siradjo Diallo
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Ava Arivo & Yaad Ali
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Riyaan Ahmed & Kejsi Salkurti
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Ayomide Ogunsina & Mylca Audrey
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Tricia Mansaray & Elizabeth John-Odutuyo
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Shaun Soukou & Tom Holland
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Temani Padmore & Elizabeth Mensah
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Khadra Hassan & Ellis Burbeck
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) –
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – All of year 6 for working so hard for their SATS.
- **Laird** (Year 6) –

LEADING CITIZENS

- **Carle** (Nursery) – Elise Zheng & Thirikshan Manavalagan
- **Potter** (Reception) – Aaliyah Chan & Haja During
- **Sendak** (Reception) – Beckett Cross & Lola Tummon
- **Daly** (Year 1) – Elsie Younger & Nasra Codlin
- **Donaldson** (Year 1) – Abubacar Tunkara Sillah & Angel James
- **Kitamura** (Year 2) – Angelina Peart & Ata Ermis
- **Browne** (Year 2) – Melissa Aichoune & Go Go Tassie
- **King Smith** (Year 3) – Andy Biandji Mayap & Aishat Rasheed
- **Seuss** (Year 3) – Aiche Toure & Mouad Bouhenniba
- **Rowling** (Year 4) – Samara Benjamin Thompson & Norah Younger
- **Rosen** (Year 4) – Lolo Mzyece & Max Dodsworth
- **Blackman** (Year 5) – Matilda Broughton & Tufan Turkoglu
- **Angelou** (Year 5) – Jaydon Dunkley & Arish Ketheeswaran
- **Riordan** (Year 5) – Jake Lin & Himayal Adnan
- **Horowitz** (Year 6) –
- **Naidoo** (Year 6) – All of year 6 for working so hard for their SATS
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FOOTBALL REPORT

The standard of football at the year 3 & 4 football festival held at Elm Lane on 14th March 2018 was brilliant. The pace was fast and every team had several attempts at scoring goals.

Every year the standard of football improves but tonight it was exceptional. The goal keeping skills were amazing too. Five schools from the SYDENHAM & FOREST HILL cluster competed against each in a round robin competition, each match lasting 8 minutes. This festival was postponed because of the snow but the weather tonight was ideal.

The atmosphere was exciting with a lot of cheering and encouragement from all spectators. It was lovely to see the players all shaking hands at the end of each match. It was great to see the younger children meeting peers from neighbouring schools and meeting new challenges. The teams were so excited and so full of energy.

There were approximately 8 parents, friends and carers watching. Every player received a certificate and the winners a medal each. Well done to every team!

RATHFERN 1ST 12pts
RATHFERN 2ND 9
DALMAIN 3RD 8
HORNIMAN 4TH 6
PERRYMOUNT 5TH 5

RATHFERN

Glen Burt
Sports Coordinator